

Please Read St. Luke 13:1-32

The Story of the Lost Sheep

¹⁻³ By this time a lot of men and women of questionable reputation were hanging around Jesus, listening intently. The Pharisees and religion scholars were not pleased, not at all pleased. They growled, “He takes in sinners and eats meals with them, treating them like old friends.” Their grumbling triggered this story.

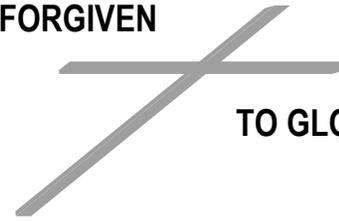
⁴⁻⁷ “Suppose one of you had a hundred sheep and lost one. Wouldn’t you leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the lost one until you found it? When found, you can be sure you would put it across your shoulders, rejoicing, and when you got home call in your friends and neighbours, saying, ‘Celebrate with me! I’ve found my lost sheep!’ Count on it—there’s more joy in heaven over one sinner’s rescued life than over ninety-nine good people in no need of rescue.

The Story of the Lost Coin

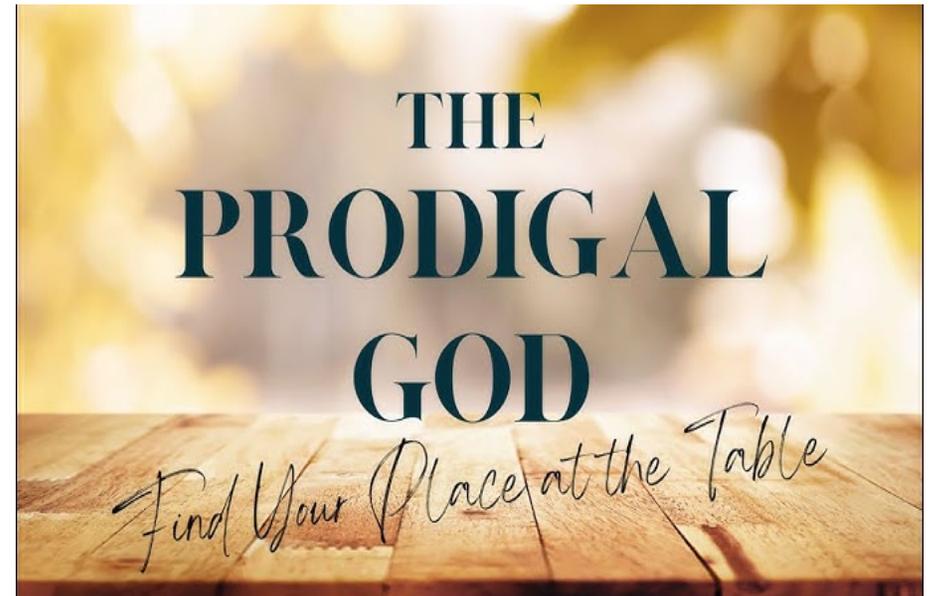
⁸⁻¹⁰ “Or imagine a woman who has ten coins and loses one. Won’t she light a lamp and scour the house, looking in every nook and cranny until she finds it? And when she finds it, you can be sure she’ll call her friends and neighbours: ‘Celebrate with me! I found my lost coin!’ Count on it—that’s the kind of party God’s angels throw every time one lost soul turns to God.”

The Message Translation

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Lent 4: Sunday 30th March 2025 10:30 am
The Church of Jesus the Saviour
Celebrates the Good News
of God's Love for the World
Made Manifest in Jesus His Son
as we learn to share Christ's Love with everyone

Celebrating the Truth of the Presence of God – Alleluia!

Call to Worship:

Praise: “And can it be” vs 1, 2, 3, 4

BP #173

Lenten Liturgy:

on screen

Welcome, and announcements:

Celebrating the Truth of Forgiveness – We Receive New Life!

Praise: “God of the sparrow”

Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer:

Celebrating the Truth of God's Word! - We are Listening!

Scripture: St. Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 NLT

Message: “Belovedness and Prodigals”

Celebrating the Truth of God's gifts to us – We Are Accountable

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings:

+ Offertory

Doxology: “When I survey” vs 4

Prayer of Dedication

BP #178

Praise: “How great Thou art”

SB #65

Celebrating the Truth of our Going Forth – We Leave for Ministry

Benediction:

Interpersonal Benediction: “Go now in peace”

SB #80

Worship & Sacraments Team: Prayer Requests

Gladys Brown – at home

Frank De Vries – at home

Frank Ingold – at home

Bob Kenzie – Sunnyside Home

Mary Master – Conestoga Lodge

Dolly McCormack – Court at Laurelwood Retirement Home

Marg & Terry McCorrison – at home

Julie Phoenix – Southbridge London Long Term Care Home

Curt Ryan – AgeCare West Williams LTC

Shirley Steinberg – Winston Park LTC

Dirk Vanderheide – at home

George Ziegler – at home

Sunday School:

The dates this term for our regular bi-weekly Sunday School are: **April** 06, & 20; **May** 04, & 18; **June** 01, & 15.

We are looking for more Sunday School teachers, helpers, or back-ups to join the team permanently but also specifically to help with the younger group. If interested, please contact Cathrine (gcejtaylor@gmail.com), Nicolene (nclemens7@yahoo.ca).

We are thrilled to share and grow with the children this year. Peace and Joy, Cathrine and Nicolene

Mission & Outreach Team:

The Mission and Outreach Team would like to thank our KEPC family for the support of the soup lunch fundraiser. Whether you were a soup maker, soup server, or a soup eater, you were an important part of a successful fundraiser. Together, we raised \$636.75 for the St John's Soup Kitchen.

KEPC Senior's April time together: Wednesday 16th April 2025. St. Jacobs Country Playhouse: "Over the River and Through the Woods" A Comedy. Ticket Price \$55.00 each. Please see Linda Patterson for Tickets. Car-pooling from the church.

Events This Week: 30th March – 06th April 2025

- Sunday:** 10:30 am – Worship Service
Monday: 8:30 am – 4 pm – PD Day Camp here
Tuesday: 9:30 – 11:30 am – Bible study group this week.
12 – 1:30 pm – Music Therapy
6:30 – 8 pm – Sparks in the Gray Hall
7 pm – Worship & Sacrament Team meeting
Wednesday: 6:30 – 9 pm – Scouts in the Gray Hall
Thursday: 9 – 11 am – Sonshine Corner this week
Friday: 12 – 3:30 pm – Music Therapy
Sunday: 10:30 am – Worship Service; Sunday School;
coffee & conversation in the Gray Hall

From the Finance Team: options for financial giving to KEPC:

- 1) **Canada Post:** send your offering envelope in an envelope addressed to the Church: 10 Zeller Dr, Kitchener, ON, N2A 4A8
- 2) **E – transfer:** This involves using your online banking application using the e-transfer option & sending the transaction to the Church email: kepc@golden.net
- 3) **PAR: pre-authorized remittance.** This is set up once and an amount is withdrawn from your bank account monthly until you choose to stop it or change the amount. Contact Chris Clemens clemensc78@yahoo.ca and he can set you up.
- 4) **Tithe.ly** on our website, (click on the menu “Donate Now”) and donations can be through your Visa, Mastercard, or Debit.
- 5) The locked, **black box** on the wall of the sanctuary by the main doors for your offerings.

Thank-you for your ongoing and prayerful support of the mission and ministry of KEPC.

Here are the Feb financial statements:

A shortfall of about \$3300 for the month and shortfall of about \$7900 YTD This about the same as 2024 YTD. Still early in the year so we'll monitor and keep everyone informed of the status on a regular basis

Offering Envelopes: If you are interested in having assigned envelopes for 2025 and are not on PAR, please reach out to Chris. For anyone that has changed addresses, please let Chris and Mark know so that we can check our records and update them as required.

Grocery Cards:

We are participating in the grocery gift card program in our Region. If you would like to purchase grocery gift cards for the PC group of stores, and/or the Metro group of stores, please speak with Barb Cook, Rob Gloin, or Emmie Richardson. They are available every week. For each card we sell we receive a small amount back from the Community Charity Services.

Women of Worship:

WOW - The next meeting of WOW will be held on Saturday, March 29th from 10:00 till noon. As the Grey Hall is in use that morning, we will be meeting upstairs. At this meeting we will be making a surprise for the Congregation that we will be sharing with them on Palm Sunday. All ladies from KEPC are welcome and we hope to see many of you on the 29th. Please contact Jo Anne Aitken if you have any questions. 519-886-6559 or aitkenj09@gmail.com

PD Day Camp TOMORROW: Hello volunteers for this next PD Day camp,

Monday, March 31, 2025

Arrival: 8am (kids arrive at 8:30am)

Departure: by 4:15pm (kids leave at 4pm)

Volunteers are welcome for a half day or full day. Please reply to let me know if you are interested in volunteering for March 31 (and spread the word to anyone else you think may be interested in joining us!)

Kindly, Sarah & Kerry.